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Information Disclosure Statement

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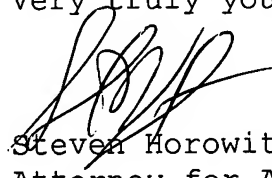
U.S. Patent No. 5,758,366 to Wilson discloses an elastic belt blousing the lower portion of an upper garment consisting of a longitudinally stretchable strip.

U.S. Patent No. 4,771,483 to Hooreman et al. discloses pants formed of a rectangular piece of flexible material and

including two elongated elements extending along the longitudinal edges.

None of the above items discloses an aesthetically interesting stretchable belt which can be worn at varying heights along a person's torso and is particularly appropriate for individuals who fluctuate in weight and for those who wear the modern low-rise style pants, wherein the preferred embodiment of the belt wraps around once plus an extension overlap for extra hugging of the hips, wherein an alternative embodiment wraps around the wearer twice, wherein the elastic belt features holes for increasing elasticity, wherein the holes also serve to incorporate a visual symbol in a surface of the belt in an aesthetically appealing manner.

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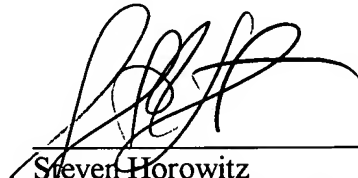


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AA	5758366	6/2/98	WILSON	2	338	1/9/97
AB	4771483	9/20/88	HOOREMAN et al.	2	237	5/13/85
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